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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the September 21, 2006 Final Office Action and the March 6, 2007 Advisory Action mailed in connection with the above-identified application. An Amendment in response to the Final Office Action was timely filed February 6, 2007 and entered by the Examiner, as indicated in the Advisory Action. Applicants then timely filed a Notice of Appeal March 21, 2007, setting a May 21, 2007 initial due date for submitting an Appeal Brief. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with this Communication and accompanying Rule 132 Declaration. Accordingly, this paper is being timely filed.

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